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NEBRASKA FBLA NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS NAMED

More than 400 Nebraska students, advisers, and guests recently attended the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Nebraska FBLA Middle School and High School members competed June 27- 30 in 79 competitive events and Nebraska FBLA Collegiate members competed June 22-25 in 47 competitive events. More than 16,000 FBLA members from 48 states, as well as U.S. territories and international chapters, attended the conference.

Students attended learning sessions with industry leaders, elected a national student officer team, and competed, with more than 2,000 middle school students, 12,000 high school students, and nearly 800 college students competing in a variety of national events. The National Leadership Conference is the culmination of students' hard work over the previous academic year and an opportunity to showcase the skills and knowledge gained in the classroom.

Nebraska members brought home 71 Top Ten awards. The Top Ten award winners are:

Middle School Awards

Third Place:

- Community Service Presentation: Cheyenne Boettcher and Addilyn Janousek from Boyd County Middle School

Sixth Place:

- Multimedia and Website Design: Madilynn Nolan from Boyd County Middle School

Seventh Place:

- Business Ethics: Honora Andreasen from Arlington Middle School
- Video Game Challenge: Corbin Bye from Sargent Middle School

Eighth Place:

- Career Exploration: Jayden Benson from Newman Grove Middle School

High School Awards

First Place:

- Word Processing: Mathew Rumsey from Wausa High School
- Insurance and Risk Management: Jessica Li from Elkhorn South High School

Second Place:

- Economics: Nixon Hanna from Lincoln East High School
- Healthcare Administration: Aubrey Kment from Stanton High School

Third Place:

- Business Communication: Daniel Kasperek from Waverly High School

Fourth Place:

- Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure: Annabelle Kumm from Lincoln East High School

Sixth Place:

- Impromptu Speaking: Jagger Plevel from Conestoga High School
- Business Communication: Ali Morris from Broken Bow High School

Seventh Place:

- Introduction to Business Presentation: Rylan Bartek, Morgan Calkins, and Piper Oswald from Aurora High School

Eighth Place:

- Business Ethics: Eva Fahrnbruch, Kasey Schuster, and Carsen Staehr from Aurora High School

Ninth Place

- Introduction to FBLA: James Fletcher from Litchfield High School
- Local Chapter Annual Business Report: Henry Coleman, Reid Fletcher, and Rylan Kastens from Elmwood-Murdock High School

Tenth Place

- Introduction to Business Presentation: Molly Custer, Michael Forster, and Will Moninger from Broken Bow High School

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Collegiate Awards

First Place

- Business Decision Making: Madalyn Schoffstall and Sydney Youngclaus from Nebraska Wesleyan University
- Business Sustainability: Madalyn Schoffstall and Sydney Youngclaus from Nebraska Wesleyan University
- Emerging Business Issues: Joseph Hiatt and Olivia Lawless from University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Foundations of Finance: Courtney Cox from University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Future Business Educator: Jackie Kalkwarf from University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Future Business Executive: Joseph Hiatt from University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Human Resource Management: Markus Ramsey from Chadron State College
- Impromptu Speaking: Mekenna Fisher from Chadron State College
- Social Media Marketing: Forrest Reyes and Ethan Smith from Midland University

Second Place

- Community Service Project: Olivia Meaux and Emma Nelson from Northeast Community College
- Desktop Publishing: Kyra Creamer from University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Digital Media: Lilly Rowe from Midland University
- Global Analysis & Decision Making: Giovanni Froidi and Carlos Ortega from York College
- Help Desk: Maritza Calmo Martin from University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Integrated Marketing Campaign: Ethan Smith and Scott Tatum from Midland University
- Small Business Management Plan: Olivia Meaux from Northeast Community College
- State of Chapter Presentation: Joseph Hiatt and Oliva Lawless from University of Nebraska at Kearney

Third Place

- Business Decision Making: Logan Parde from Chadron State College
- Digital Media: Kyra Creamer from University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Foundations of Finance: Josh Varner from University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Global Analysis & Decision Making: Andrew Avila, Makenna Cormack, Phillip Soto from Chadron State College

Fourth Place

- Administrative Support Technology: Claire Schweikert from University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Business Sustainability: Hayden Retzlaff from Nebraska Wesleyan University
- Finance Case Competition: Courtney Cox from University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Social Media Marketing: Riley Herring, Lilly Rowe, Abby Spidle from Midland University

Fifth Place

- Administrative Support Technology: Jake Elliott from University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Business Ethics: Paul Einero and Kyra Louthan from Northeast Community College
- Finance Case Competition: Diego Korol from York College
- Hospitality Management Case Competition: Markus Ramsey and Eben Rosentrater from Chadron State College
- Management Analysis & Decision Making: Carlos Ortega from York College
- Retail Management: Eben Rosentrater from Chadron State College
- Sales Presentation: Giovanni Froidi and Alexandre Motta from York College
- Strategic Analysis & Decision Making: Bridget Praest and Abby Spidle from Midland University
- Website Design: Bridget Praest from Midland University

Sixth Place

- Hospitality Management Case Competition: Riley Herring and Scott Tatum from Midland University

Seventh Place

- Business Communication: Azlyn Fendrick from Peru State College
- Computer Concepts: Claire Schweikert from University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Cyber Security: Jeremy Matuszewski from Peru State College
- Human Resource Management: Taylor McHugh from University of Nebraska at Omaha

Eighth Place

- Emerging Business Issues: Rebeca Martinez, Olivia Meaux, Jordyn Steffen from Northeast Community College
- Foundations of Finance: Noah Kreifels from Peru State College
- Macroeconomics: Noah Kreifels from Peru State College
- Management Analysis & Decision Making: Dayci Luttrell, Eli McPhillips, Emma Nelson from Northeast Community College
- Organizational Behavior & Leadership: Mekenna Fisher from Chadron State College
- Retail Management: Trista Marx from University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Sports Management & Marketing: Hayden Retzlaff from Nebraska Wesleyan University

Ninth Place

- Marketing Analysis & Decision-Making: Rebeca Martinez, Eli McPhillips, Emma Nelson from Northeast Community College
- Microeconomics: Ella O'Neil from University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Sports Management & Marketing: Will Mueller from Peru State College

Tenth Place

- Accounting Case Competition: Logan Parde from Chadron State College
- Economic Analysis & Decision Making: Kenny Johnson from Wayne State College
- Networking Concepts: Jeremy Matuszewski from Peru State College
- Sports Management & Marketing: Forrest Reyes from Midland University

The following teams and individuals qualified for finals and were the Top 15 Finalists:

- ***Middle School Top 15***
 - Career Research: Grace Finnegan from Boyd County Middle School
 - Elevator Speech: Adam Bernt from Boyd County Middle School
 - Annual Chapter Activities: Lucas Livingston, Luanna Lucking, and Jerik Mans from Fairbury
- ***High School Top 15***
 - Banking and Financial Systems: Andrew Heckman from Adams Central High School
 - Community Service Project: Brentley Wilson from Fairbury High School
 - Management Information Systems: Dathan Hansen from Arlington High School and Brayden Loseke from Clarkson Leigh High School

Other national awards and recognitions included:

March of Dimes Fundraising

- 2nd Place Top Fundraising State – Nebraska FBLA

Champion Chapter of States

- 9th Place – Champion Chapter

Adviser Wall of Fame

- Lois Hixson, Aurora High School
- Tennille Allison, Kearney High School

National Recognition Event Winners during the Parade of States

- Emmett Palmer, Broken Bow Middle School – Young Leader Award-Middle School
- Bailey Taylor, Arlington High School – Who's Who in FBLA-High School
- Riley Herring, Midland University – Who's Who in FBLA-Collegiate
- Lois Hixson, Aurora High School – Nebraska Outstanding Local Chapter Adviser High School/Middle School
- Rita Bristol, Midland University – Nebraska Outstanding Local Chapter Adviser – Collegiate
- Graham Christenson, Aurora High School – Nebraska FBLA High School State President
- Payden Tracy, Wayne State College – Nebraska FBLA Collegiate State President

Gold Seal Chapter Award, Merit

- Arlington High School
- Ashland-Greenwood High School
- Bellevue West High School
- Blair High School
- Boyd County High School
- Chadron High School
- Crete High School
- Dundy County Stratton High School
- Elmwood-Murdock High School
- Fillmore Central High School
- Gibbon High School
- Kearney High School
- Lakeview High School
- Lincoln Southwest High School
- Omaha Skutt High School
- Raymond Central High School
- Sargent High School
- Syracuse High School
- Twin River High School

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